

Chairmanship: Finland

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL (1531st Plenary Meeting)

1. Date: Monday, 25 August 2025

Opened: 3 p.m.

Closed: 3.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Neuvonen

Chairperson

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
DECISION ON THE CLOSURE OF THE OSCE MINSK
PROCESS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT
WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE AND THE
HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1510 (PC.DEC/1510) on the recommendation to adopt a decision on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/832/25), Denmark-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/855/25), Switzerland (PC.DEL/843/25 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/853/25 OSCE+), Türkiye (PC.DEL/846/25 OSCE+), Armenia (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision), United Kingdom,

Kyrgyzstan, Canada, Norway, Azerbaijan, Japan (Partner for Co-operation)
(PC.DEL/851/25)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 September 2025, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video
teleconference



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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**DECISION No. 1510
RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A DECISION ON THE
CLOSURE OF THE OSCE MINSK PROCESS, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON
THE CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE
MINSK CONFERENCE AND THE
HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP**

The Permanent Council,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group (MC.DD/2/25 of 20 August 2025);
2. Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Monday, 1 September 2025, at noon CET.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Armenia:

“In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the recommendation to adopt a decision on the closure of the OSCE Minsk Process, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference and the High-Level Planning Group, the delegation of Armenia would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

Armenia, together with Azerbaijan, initiated the adoption of this decision based on the Joint Appeal by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office signed in Washington, D.C. on 9 August 2025.

On the same day, the foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan initialled the agreed upon text of the Agreement on Establishment of Peace and Inter-State Relations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia.

The initialization was witnessed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the President of the United States of America, who also signed the Joint Declaration.

The Joint Declaration acknowledged the ‘need to chart a course for a bright future not bound by the conflict of the past, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and the 1991 Almaty Declaration.’ It affirmed that the conditions have been created ‘to finally embark on building good neighbourly relations on the basis of the inviolability of international borders and the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory after the conflict that brought immense human suffering.’ It further stated that this ‘reality, which is not and should never be subject to revision, paves the way for closing the chapter of enmity between our two nations.’

In this environment, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Azerbaijan jointly appealed to close the Minsk Process structures of the OSCE, since they ‘are no longer relevant in view of cardinal changes in the situation that called for their establishment.’ The Ministers also confirmed their ‘shared commitment to the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act to continue the normalization process at the bilateral level.’

In the context of this historic momentum the Republic of Armenia looks forward to the timely signing and ratification of the Peace Agreement.

Thank you.”